

## **University of Michigan Big Heads report**

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### **Programmatic Review of Selection, Acquisitions and Cataloging**

We are culminating an extensive review of workflow, procedures, and philosophy of the range of activities that runs from selection to materials being cataloged. After a lengthy workflow analysis across the system and a small team had a very fruitful site visit with Cath Tierney and her colleagues at Stanford, we engaged R2 Consulting for a final phase of analysis and planning. R2 will join us in August, and we will implement the recommendations in the months following.

### **Michigan Digital Repository (aka putting Google content online)**

A working system incorporating Aleph, a rights management database, and a basic page-turner application now provides access to local-hosted copies of content digitized by Google. The repository was designed in such a way that it can incorporate locally-converted materials as well, and can use a variety of parameters about copyright and licensing along with information about user and user communities. Formal release will take place within the next few weeks. Content is loaded continuously.

### **Deep Blue (institutional repository)**

The UM Library recently did a “soft launch” of Deep Blue, our institutional repository. At the time of the launch, Deep Blue included approximately 25,000 publications, many published in peer-reviewed journals. Jim Ottaviani, who directs Deep Blue, and Maria Bonn, director of our Scholarly Publishing Office, have worked together to present deposit and publishing options to campus schools, departments, and research institutes. We have also discussed the effort with our campus deans, and reception was very positive. A more intensive publicity effort will begin in the Fall. The incoming Intellectual Property Specialist will work with Ottaviani and the AUL for Collections and Scholarly Communication to put in place standard publisher agreements, to provide outreach and education on campus, and clear rights on previously published materials.

### **Searches: University Librarian; AUL for Collections and Scholarly Communications**

Michigan’s search for a new University Librarian is gearing up. A search committee chaired by Paul Courant (previous provost who has been active nationally with scholarly communication issues) has begun its work, and the position will be advertised soon. Brenda Johnson and John Wilkin serve as Interim co-university librarians.

Although we were disappointed to lose Mark Sandler to the CIC as the new director of the Center for Library Initiatives, Mark’s announcement precipitated a review of the position and a decision to create a new AUL for Collections and Scholarly Communication. Under Mark, we began to bring together a broad range of new scholarly communications activities along with managing the roughly \$18m collection budget. We will be searching for a progressive and visionary person to lead in this area; that person will assume responsibility for the collection budget as well as the following:

- An Electronic Resources Officer;

- Deep Blue, our institutional repository effort (see below);
- The Scholarly Publishing Office (approx. 7 FTE, with significant new publishing activities);
- A new Intellectual Property Specialist position (search underway);
- Text Creation Partnership (TCP) leadership and overall project management, excluding production work;
- The Preservation and Conservation Department.

### **System Implementations**

- Verde: implementation work continues; new version from Ex Libris being installed;
- ARC: implemented and operational, with reports published regularly;
- Aleph Media Booking: replaced onShore product in order to gain better integration and system reliability for Askwith Film and Video Library;
- MetaLib (SearchTools in our local implementation): deployed and has now replaced several home-grown systems;
- SRU capability in DLXS: has allowed, for example, integration of OAIster in MetaLib metasearching
- Aleph v18: underway, with release planned for August;
- Shibboleth: Working with Proquest and our campus computing organization, ITCS, we are adding Shibboleth support to the Library's authentication and authorization system. The current system is comprised of the open source system, CoSign, for authentication and a locally-maintained database for authorization.

### **“Reclamation” project with OCLC**

Our efforts to synchronize our records and holding with OCLC are underway, and will also include work to add OCLC identifiers to records that were locally-created and exported to OCLC (or otherwise created outside of OCLC).

### **Print-on-demand of converted material**

Some 10,000 titles from Michigan's conversion efforts are available through Amazon (and BookSurge) as POD titles. Titles will be added as part of ongoing conversion efforts.

### **Budget**

We're beginning to see budget growth again, starting last year, and hope that new budgets will keep pace with inflation. Despite setbacks, we continue to buy aggressively, adding approximately 160,000 volumes last year and approximately that many this year.